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DAVID R. FRANCIS.

Brief Sketch of His Business and Mercantile Career.

David Rowland Francis, the next Governor of Missouri, is the youngest man ever nominated for that high office. He was born in Kentucky October 1, 1850, and will therefore be but 38 years of age when he is inaugurated at Jefferson City next January. He was a small boy when he came to Missouri, but he was a bright little fellow, and at the age of 16 he entered Washington University in this city, where he graduated at the head of his class in 1870 while yet under 20 years of age. His business and political career since that time has been remarkable; it might be said, phenomenal. He was a penniless boy when he left the school-room and went out into the world to shuffle for himself, but he was possessed of all the requisites needed for success in life. He had a strong heart, a steady, level head and he knew the value of honesty, integrity and kindness. His entry into business was by accepting a position as shipping clerk in the commission and wholesale grocery house of Shryock & Rowland. He was not long in that position, however, for he soon proved his value and was advanced to a partnership in the house

But young Francis was not satisfied to stop at this point in his business career. He was ambitious to go up higher, and in April, 1877, he decided that he was strong enough to stand alone, so he opened a commission house on his own account and in his own name. This business venture was a success from the start and to such an extent that but few years elapsed until he was regarded as a leader.

Having married in 1876, he was already settled and of steady habits, and it was the push and energy he displayed that marked him among his fellow merchants for advancement. His election as a director of the Merchants' Exchange, followed by that of vice-president and president of that great commercial body in quick succession, gave him prominence that was well deserved. His administration of the affairs of the exchange was a successful one, which added to his popularity. He is now at the head of the D. R. Francis & Bro. Commission Company and he stands at the head of the Francis & Smith Export Company, the largest exporters of grain doing business in New Orleans. To his business affairs he pays the closest attention, and to his watchfulness is largely due the prosperous condition of the enterprises with which he is connected.

Mr. Francis entered the political arena in the spring of 1884, when, backed by the solid St. Louis deleyears he has administered the affairs of this great metropolis with fewer mistakes than any of his predecessors. He has made almost as good a record as a writer of vetoes as President Cleveland enjoys. Prominent among his vetoes is the bill passed by the Municipal Assembly

franchise until 1910, on condition defeat into a glorious success. that the price of gas in its exclusive 1,000 from the date of the acceptance of the order until 1890, and not to exceed \$1 25 thereafter, and repassage of the Water-Gas Company's bill with additional restrictions. of the veto message this plan was carried out, the St. Louis Gaslight Company reduced its price \$1 per 1,000, and cheap gas was secured.

This feat was accomplished in the lar opinion of the veto was that it entrance for a number of new railwas a mistake. Time proved the wisdom and business sagacity of the | State. young mayor, however, and there-

the Electric Elevated Railway Com- or a single failure. pany. The veto was based upon The success of Mayor Francis in the ground that the city received securing for St. Louis the National only a paltry compensation for the democratic convention is too recent surrender of the nine miles of street, to require more than mention here.

The surface track connection of mascot. the Iron Mountain railroad with the Union Depot was the next great governor, which culminated at Jeffermeasure vetoed. This bill was sought | son City yesterday, was one of the early by the Gould interest. The most brilliant and effective ever bill was vetoed because it conferred known in the history of Missouri an exclusive franchise on conditions politics, and the certainty with which that would result in the paralysis of Mr. Francis swept everything before St. Louis commerce.

bill next received the attention of which at once broke up and disthe mayor. The franchise was too valuable to be given away for the ed by old politicians to be a stroke privileges proposed to be extended of genius exceeding anything ever the city in return, and no surety was given that the wires would be removed from the air. The bill was reintroduced at another session of the assembly, passed, and again

In addition to this display of executive wisdom, Mayor Francis has shown himself possessed of rare financial ability. During his administration the sum of \$950,000 was reclaimed from the Missouri Pacific Railway Company, and the debt of the city largely reduced from 7 and indebtedness of over \$5,000,000. The interest paid the city by banks carrying the city deposits was in-

gation in the State convention, he the city during the past three years. especially devoted to Iowa. and Grover Cleveland, President of publican party in the end. the approval of the bill, and then Mr. Cleveland, is well known, and free traders of Chicago.

vetoed the measure, pointing out in the triumphant manner in which St. the message a plan by which cheap Louis and Missouri emerged from it gas could be obtained before 1890, was due to the foresight, prompt and, in fact, immediately. This plan action and good sense of Mayor embraced the passage of a bill ex- Francis, whose timely and wise action tending the St. Louis Company's in the premises turned a humiliating

The efforts of Mayor Francis for territory be reduced to \$1 00 per the establishment of a new bridge at St. Louis have resulted in the organization of a bridge company, the securing of a franchise for the erection of a bridge from the government and the obtaining of a franchise from Within forty days after the penning the Municipal Assembly for a bridge terminal railway. Although, for the time, the enterprise has been delayed, owing to the opposition of conflicting interests and the stringency of the money market, it will face of great difficulties. The popu- yet be pushed to a success, and roads will be secured for the city and

The smaller benefits secured for after his numerous vetoes of public St. Louis by the Francis adminismeasures were almost unanimously tration have been innumerable. The city has been kept out of dishonest The next important measure vetoed hands and its affairs have been was a bill conferring a franchise of transacted without the slightest jar

proposed to be taken up by the road. In it he proved himself a veritable

The canvass for nomination as him attracted universal admiration. The Dorsett underground wire The carrying of Buchanan county, persed the opposition, was consideraccomplished in this State in a personal canvass.—St. Louis Republic.

DEMOCRACY AFTER IOWA.

Chairman Brice Believes his Party Can Carry the State.

The claim of chairman Brice of the democratic national committee that the democrats can carry Iowa, says a New York dispatch to the Iowa State Register, was made in earnest and with determination, as is proven by the number of Iowa men 6 per cent. to 4 and 3.65; this on an called to his service at their national headquarters. Judge James Grant of Davenport, has been here for two weeks in daily consultation with creased from 5.06 per cent. to 3.91 Brice and the committee. The old man said to a knot of people in the It is as a public man that Mr. Hoffman house Saturday: "I am an Francis' ability shines forth con- old man, and one of the Bourbons spicuously. He has, in speeches that of Bourbons, and I would be conhave made him esteemed and respect- tent to die, if I could see Iowa go ed, welcomed to St. Louis all the democratic." He has given the comgreat bodies that have assembled in mittee \$10,000 and asked that it be

was elected as a delegate to the Many of his speeches have been | Chairman Brice said to a gentle-National democratic convention at reprinted in the most prominent man to-day: "I believe we can carry Chicago, where he made himself journals of the country. In addition Iowa. It is now a plurality state. conspicuous by his untiring efforts to formally welcoming the city's It is for tariff reform still. Now its in behalf of the candidacy of Grover guests, he has, with a generosity and republicans are divided and fighting Cleveland for president. In 1885 he a genialty seldom exhibited, extend- on the railway question and we shall received the nomination of the city ed privately a hospitality as rare and gain 5,000 votes at least on that. democratic convention for mayor, elegant a warm. Being a man of The republicans are very radical and and in the election following he de- means, the possessor of a fine home are alienating many railroad men and feated the republican incumbent by and a leading figure in business, workingmen. I may and probably a handsome majority. For three political and social circles, he has will go into Iowa myself." He add. been splendidly able to do this. He ed that the Iowa democrats were has thus entertained for the city all playing a fine game by way of dividthe distinguished State and National ling the republicans through a very men who have been attracted to St. shrewd man they have on the railway Louis in the past few years, among commission, who is trapping the them being the lamented Thomas A. |railway commissoners into rash and Hendricks, Thomas Francis Bayard, radical things, most to hurt the re-

to lay pipes in the St. Louis Gas- ation in which the city and State of \$40,000 by the democrats for use Light Company's district and sell were placed by the disavowal by the in Iowa. J. J. H Hill, the railroad gas, after 1890, for \$1 25 per 1,000 Grand Army of the Republic of its magnate of Minnesota, has given feet. The mayor gave a hearing to connection with the movement to \$10,000 of this, \$10,000 more is representatives of the various gas invite the president to St. Louis, and pledged from the south and the othcompanies, and to citizens, pending the declination of the invitation by er \$10,000 is to come from the rich

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All persons having claims against said Estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year after the date of said order, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such Estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication, they will be forever barred.

This 18th day of August, 1888.

J. W. ENNIS,

38 Public Administrator.

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